

DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

General conditions: Because of the glacial history and stream activity in this region, trails tend to be wet, muddy, and slippery. Some sections of our trails are under construction to improve drainage and control erosion. Please use caution.

Lawrence Creek Trail: MODERATE — 2 miles. Begins at the Black Walnut Trailhead, or the Lawrence Creek Trailhead. This moderate 2 mile trail winds through upland woods and ravines. It is an excellent choice for fall color. Northernmost sections of the trail traverse moist areas that provide a wonderful show of wildflowers.

Fall Creek Trail: MODERATE — 1.1 miles. Begin this trail from any of several points at Delaware Lake or Duck Pond Picnic Area. Sections of this trail follow flat and hilly terrain along the Fall Creek drainage. The length of the trail may be shortened by following any of the cut-off trails that loop back to the Harrison Trace Trail. Excellent for birding, wildflower and tree identification.

Camp Creek Trail: MODERATE—1.0 miles. Begin this trail northeast of Delaware Lake from the Harrison Trace. This trail follows a quiet ravine through hardwood forest. The trail is a good choice for birding, and enjoying a wide variety of tree and flower species.

Harrison Trace Trail: EASY — 2.5 miles. Asphalt multi-use surface intended for walkers, bicyclists, joggers, and in-line skaters. The trail follows the rolling uplands above Fall Creek. Although the trail is graded and paved, it is not flat. This is the easiest route to Duck Pond.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BIKING — Allowed only on paved park roads and the Harrison Trace Trail. Bicycles are not allowed on gravel or dirt hiking trails or the golf course.

FISHING — A state license is required and is available at the park office. Check park signs and bulletin boards for special regulations.

GOLF COURSE — The Fort Golf Course offers 18 holes and a driving range. For more information call 317-543-9597.

LODGING & DINING — The Garrison offers meals, banquet, conference, and lodging facilities. Make all reservations by calling 317-543-9592.

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES — Staff interpreters and programs are available all year at the Interpretive Center. Natural and cultural history of the park are told through planned programs by staff interpreters at the Interpretive Center. For more information call the Interpretive Center at 317-591-0122.

PICNIC AREAS — Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields are provided. Large picnic shelters may be reserved by calling the park office at 317-591-0904.

HORSE TRAIL RIDES — Guided rentals available from March through October. For more information regarding operating hours, lessons, and special event rides, call 317-541-1866.

Park Hours:

- Regular Season: April - October
- 7:00 am - Dusk*
- Off Season: November - March
- 8:00 am - Dusk*

*For dusk closing hours please check the posting at the front gate or call 317-591-0904. Gates close promptly.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the Park . Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except when participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Overnight camping is not allowed in the park.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- You are in a day use park. Help us keep it clean. Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy and take all your trash with you when you leave the park.
- Motorists must observe speed limits as posted. Park in designated areas only. Roadside parking is not allowed. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on hiking trails, the Harrison Trace trail, or through the bicycle/pedestrian entrance on Boy Scout Road. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Pull off roads while observing wildlife. Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- No mountain biking is allowed in the park.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at park office.




THE GARRISON RESTAURANT
... at the gateway to Fort Harrison State Park
Dining • Lodging • Conferences

- full-service dining
banquet seating for 300
2 breakout rooms

- Harrison House - 7 Suites
- Officer's Homes - 3, 2 story, 3 bedrooms
-sleeps 10


For Reservation & Information
Write: The Garrison
6002 N. Post Road
Indianapolis, IN 46216
Call: 317-543-9592



THE FORT GOLF COURSE

- 18 hole golf course
- driving range

For Reservation & Information
Call: 317-543-9597



**CARRY IN
CARRY OUT**

Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE PARK INFORMATION

Write: Fort Harrison State Park
5753 Glenn Road
Indianapolis, IN 46216
Call: 317-591-0904


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SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the park office.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-232-4020.

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Landscape and history blend in a unique setting in northeast Indianapolis at Fort Harrison State Park. The 1700-acre park features walking and jogging trails, picnic sites, fishing access to Fall Creek and two national historic districts. The former Citizen's Military Training Camp, Civilian Conservation Corps camp, and World War II prisoners of war camp is preserved at the park headquarters location.

Visitors may enjoy a stop at the park's interpretive center to view exhibits and ask questions of park interpreters. Springtime is a great season to enjoy woodland wildflowers, to watch for warblers flying north for breeding season or listen for elusive resident pileated woodpeckers. The new sledding hill is a great winter attraction.

Glacial advances into Central Indiana left deposits that were colonized by lichens, mosses, and wildflowers. Over time, these decayed plant materials added enough organic matter to form a rich soil that supported a hardwood forest composed of beech, maple, sycamore, and ash. Wildlife including elk, bison, river otter, black bear, passenger pigeon, and bass filled the landscape and drainages of Fall Creek. Native American peoples found their way into the region and created lifeways that we celebrate today. European settlers moved from Kentucky and Ohio. The first homesteads in the park date from the 1820's. The woodlands were cleared to accommodate an agricultural economy.

During the Civil War, Indianapolis Arsenal supplied munitions to federal troops. Located near the State House from 1861 to 1865, the War Department later moved the arsenal east of downtown to Woodruff Place. By 1901, the War Department planned to close the arsenal. In March of 1901, Lieutenant Colonel Russell B. Harrison came back to Indianapolis to bury his father, President Benjamin Harrison. Russell felt strongly that some military presence should remain in the city to honor the tradition the arsenal played in fighting slavery and maintaining the Union. On June 28, 1904 the War Department issued General Order No. 117 officially announcing the purchase of land for "military purposes ... about nine miles north-easterly from Indianapolis." In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated Fort Benjamin Harrison, in honor of our 23rd President and city resident.

The post represented the first effort to create a "national " army out of a collection of state militias. The post served multiple roles as troop reception center, classroom, and soldier support facility during all major military conflicts from WWI to Desert Storm. The park includes the Camp Glenn Historic District which housed the Citizens Military Training Camps from 1935 to 1940 and hundreds of prisoners of war in 1944 - 1945. Visiting Fort Harrison State Park today you will be able to experience hardwood forest, wildlife, and glimpses of our past.